109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 3550

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

June 21, 2006

Mr. Graham introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. PRE-TAX PREMIUMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE SE-
- 4 LECTED RESERVE.
- 5 (a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall in-
- 6 stitute a premium conversion plan under which members
- 7 of the Selected Reserve who are participating in the
- 8 TRICARE program (as defined in section 1072(7) of title
- 9 10, United States Code) may choose between cash and
- 10 health benefits under such program. The premium conver-

- 1 sion program shall be designed to meet the requirements
- 2 of section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 3 (b) Default Selection.—Unless a member makes
- 4 an election provided under the premium conversion plan,
- 5 the member shall be treated as having chosen health bene-
- 6 fits under the TRICARE program.

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